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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Hans-Juergen Kuhr et al.
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants respectfully submit the following in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003. Claim amendments are made in the format now permitted pursuant to the Notice of Revised Format Now Permitted set forth in Vol. 1267, No. 4 of the Official Gazette (February 25, 2003).

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Introductory Comments

Claims 22-32 and 43-51 are pending in the above-referenced application. In the June 19, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 22-25, 27, 29, 30, 43, 46-48, 50 and 51.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 26, 31, 32, 44, 45 and 49 are objected to but could be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 22, 27, 48, and 50 and added new claims 53 and 54.